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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Koji Yamaya, et al. **Examiner:** Matthew John Kasztejna  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

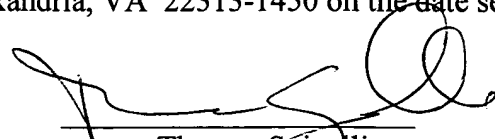
In response to the Official Action dated September 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

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